



Permitting/CEQA/NEPA for Forest Service Projects (2 day class)

Dates and Times:

May 21-22, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

CVRWQCB Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Intended Audience: Forest Service decision makers, team leaders, and specialists; and employees of other federal and state agencies that may benefit (e.g. US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Boards, CA Department of Water Resources, Sierra Nevada Conservancy).

Registration Fees: Paid through the Water Board Training Academy

To Register: Follow the training registration requirements, obtain all required approvals, and then register on-line at:
<http://www.trainingforce.com/sites/californiawater/lp/gowater.aspx?ot=9&otid=2039>

If you have questions about the registration process, please contact Jami Ferguson at 916-322-3235 or jferguson@waterboards.ca.gov

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Jami Ferguson at least 5 working days prior to the class. TTY/DD/Speech to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Water Board Travel Restrictions: Travel for this class is currently restricted. Your supervisor must determine if this class is necessary for your current job and approve your attendance in order for you to be reimbursed for travel costs.

Course Description: Various projects and activities that occur on National Forest land trigger federal and/or state permitting requirements. Projects on National Forests that require permits from state regulatory agencies or that use state funds may require both NEPA and CEQA, and both Forests and state agencies can benefit from joint environmental analyses. Early consideration of permit requirements may contribute to a better understanding of project planning needs. Joint NEPA-CEQA analyses can reduce workloads for both agencies and speed project approvals.

The intent of this training is to provide practical information on permit requirements relevant to projects and activities on Forest Service land, with an emphasis on water resources (e.g. water quality, wetlands), and to provide information relevant to the development of joint NEPA-CEQA environmental analysis and decisions.

Topics to be covered will include:

- 404 Permits
- 401 Water Quality Certification
- Storm Water (e.g. Construction General Permits)
- Timber Harvest Waivers
- Integrated Report
- CEQA and NEPA Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Preparing Joint Documents
- Initial Studies/NDs & MNDs and EAs and FONSI
- EIRs/EISs
- Key Issues and Challenges of Integration

The class will be taught by a cadre comprised of SWRCB, CVRWQCB, USACE, and USFS staff. Group discussion of Forest Service projects, including multi-resource/multi-objective projects, to illustrate training concepts will be included. Although the class will focus on water resources the material should be useful for other resource areas as well.